

Let us pray:

Everliving and everloving God, we come before You in the solemnity of this moment with gratitude for the wholeness of creation, born out of Your goodness and Your mercy.

We come to You to consider our calling to serve the common good and, in our understanding of that calling, hear our prayer for a new discernment as to what the common good shall be. Hear our cry as we brood over the emergent alienation in our Nation that for so long, for far too long, has had violence as its expression.

Allow Your spirit to hover over our deliberations in this place, to be sensitive to the harsh realities of all of us, and especially those who are marginalized, and do not allow any of us to objectify any other persons who are Your person. Unite us anew as a whole people under God.

We know that You are near in all of our collective deliberations and even in our solitude, and be with us this day.

As our prayers ascend into Your throne of mercy, answer them as You will. This we pray. Amen, and amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. BALLENGER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST CHAPLAIN

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I take the well with great pride, because the visiting chaplain today, Dr. Clyde Miller, is from my church in Denver, CO. In fact, I am a member of his flock. For those of you who wondered if there was anyone who would claim me, yes, and I must say how very, very proud I am. I am going to put his résumé in the RECORD at this time, because he has a very, very long history of doing things, not only preaching but practicing. And I think what he said are all things he has practiced very hard and very diligently all his life and has been a great role model for how we do that. But basically one of the reasons that I have always enjoyed so much listening to Reverend Miller is the fact that he has

a Barbara Jordanesque voice, that through all the clutter and noise, and through all of the conflicting things that pull and tug at us, his voice is able to pierce right through that and touch the souls of people who really need to be touched.

I think that is truly a gift, and a gift that he has used and utilized well, and I thank him very, very much for being with us to launch this second session of the Congress.

I include for the RECORD Dr. Miller's résumé.

REV. CLYDE H. MILLER, JR.,
Denver, CO, March 30, 1995.

Rev. Clyde H. Miller, Jr. retired as Conference Minister of the Rocky Mountain Conference, United Church of Christ, in 1993 where he had served since 1980. During his service he was responsible for the mission, education, and outdoor ministries. Serving as a pastor to pastors and to the 90+ congregations in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, he was responsible for helping pastors and congregations in the placement process, resolving conflicts, and planning mission and outreach strategies.

Prior to this position he was the Executive Director of the Boston City Missionary Society for eleven years. At CMS he was the executive for the century-old United Church of Christ institution organized to be an advocate for inner-city poor. In addition to supervising a staff of twenty persons, he was responsible for development.

Earlier he had worked for the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice in Chicago, Illinois. He also served as the Christian Education Executive for the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

His first position following his graduation from the Chicago Theological Seminary and his ordination in 1958, was an Assistant Pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Congregational for six years.

A graduate of Talladega College, he has served as adjunct faculty member at Wesleyan(CT) University, Boston College, and Colorado College.

A native of Middlesboro, KY, he is married, has two daughters and two grandchildren.

Mr. Miller is concluding this month a one-year stint as an interim pastor at the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Boulder, Colorado and is now interim pastor at Eastside Christian Church, Denver, Colorado.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, when a terrorist's bomb tore a hole in the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, its impact was felt across the country. We all grieved with the families and we prayed that the rescue workers would find more survivors.

Their grief leads us to want to affirm our country as both free and tolerant. Here is Congress, we must call on people of good will from both parties to repudiate extremist, paramilitary forces and provocative rhetoric that pushes people to violence and terrorism. By doing so, we do not politicize a tragedy, we live up to our responsibilities to respond to this tragedy.

The images of bloodied babies being carried from the smoking rubble of the

Murrah Building and the grieving families will stay with us for a long time. But, we should also remember the heroes of the Oklahoma City. Remember the rescue workers and the volunteers. And, remember the indomitable spirit of the people of Oklahoma City. Our thoughts and prayers remain with them, today. And, we owe it to them, to both the victims and the heroes of Oklahoma City, to stand up to the forces that seek to divide us with words of hate.

THE PEOPLE WANT WASHINGTON TO CHANGE

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, last month I went back to my district and returned to a place far different from Washington. In my district, there are families who work hard and play by the rules. And, they are careful not to spend more than they take in. If they do not, they run afoul of the law.

In Washington, however, things are different.

In Washington, it's OK to waste other people's money.

In Washington, it's OK to spend lavishly on ineffective programs.

In Washington, it's OK to disrespect the values that ordinary Americans live by every day.

When I returned home over the recess, I listened to my constituents. I can tell you one thing, Mr. Speaker, they want Washington to change. They want a government that will respect simple virtues, not one that creates deficits and debts to be passed on to our children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, in the first 100 days, we Republicans proved that promises can be made and kept. In the next, we will show that Washington truly can be changed.

SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES NEEDED

(Ms. RIVERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, one cannot read a newspaper these days without understanding that there is a supposed war between the Government and the people. But who is the Government? These days we often hear attacks on Federal employees around their benefits, around their pay, as if they do not have mortgages to pay, as if they do not have to feed and clothe children, as if they do not pay taxes like other workers in this country.

It is suggested they are nameless, faceless bureaucrats, not the people who fight our drug wars, not the people who care for sick veterans, not the people who make sure our food and water is safe. These are real people, and the